

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular and budget meeting of the **Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board** was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in the Truttman Room of the Public Safety Building– 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Judge Kendall Kelley, Jeffrey Cano, Dennis Kocken, Jed Neuman, John Zakowski, Andy Williams, Jayme Sellen, Mark Quam,

Excused: Supervisor Pat Evans, Jack Jadin, Don Hein

Citizen Reps: Dr. Gerald Wellens, Jeffrey Jazgar

Also Present: News media

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Judge Kendall Kelley at 3:36 p.m.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Williams and seconded by J. Neuman to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of January 6, 2009:

Motion made by G. Wellens and seconded by J. Sellen to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Mission Statement/Statement of Purpose:

Judge Kelley provided a handout re: Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board Statement of Purpose (attached) and stated at the last meeting there had been discussions in regards to using the Racine mission statement and adapting it to Brown County. He noted that he had made some changes but assumed as a committee they may want to make a few more.

A brief discussion ensued regarding changes to the handout and it was decided that a few of the committee members would meet before the next meeting to make changes to express more clearly the statement of purpose. The next step would be to propose it to the County Executive for changes and then to the County Board for approval.

Consensus of those present was to approve.

5. Identify CJCB Members and Identify Key Objectives of the CJCB:

Questions arose in regards to memberships and filling vacancies in the membership of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board (CJCB). J. Sellen stated that she had spoken with County Executive Hinz and he was willing to fill the vacancies as he is currently working on getting names. Sellen and Sheriff Kocken had discussed the possibilities of a member from a provider such as Family Services because of their involvement in the community but were also open to any suggestions.

Judge Kelley stated that the new members would be identified as Citizen Reps and from his perspective he agreed that it may be time to look at the membership and make sure it appropriately represents everything that needs to be addressed with the committee. If they were going to change the mission, it would be the time to also review the membership.

Supervisor Williams believed there is really good representation of the agencies and the people who are responsible for different aspects of County government and how the county works. He felt they were missing the aspects of a non-governmental organization. Kelley stated his only concern would be offending organizations that have been omitted from participating and are active in the community. He suggested putting this on as a topic for next months meeting and having everyone bring in recommendations to fill the two Citizen Rep vacancies.

J. Jazgar pointed out that some organizations might have a financial stake in some of the outcomes of the committee. Judge Kelley believed it was a good observation and recommended it be taken into consideration when bringing in proposals.

Consensus of those present was to approve.

6. Review 2008 Board Activities:

Judge Kelley suggested holding this item for the next meeting.

Consensus was to hold to the next meeting, as they did not receive the item.

7. Increasing Drug Problem in Brown County:

Judge Kelley stated they had began to discuss this issue at the last meeting and had attempted to identify the exact function that the CJCB may have in assisting the County Board. One of the starting points was to have someone come to a future meeting from the Drug Task Force. Kelley directed the conversation to Sheriff Kocken to see what his thoughts have been since last meeting.

Sheriff Kocken reported that since their last meeting the Drug Task Force reported to the full County Board and gave a presentation that he felt had been received quite well. On Friday, January 23rd in the Village of Allouez, there had been a shooting as the result of a drug buying that had gone bad. This incident was not only drug related but it was connected with other crimes. Since their discussion regarding collection of prescription and non-prescription drugs, the Sheriff's department had begun collecting drugs last week. It is off to a good

start and they have been collecting a lot more prescription drugs than non-prescription drugs then anticipated. Lastly, at the last meeting he had mentioned that heroin was on the rise in Brown County. On record in 2005 they had confiscated nine grams and in 2006 it was down to six grams. In 2007 they recorded point one gram but in the first three quarters of 2008 it was back up to three grams. A lot of the rise had to do with the availability of oxycontin which is a substitute of heroin. If oxycontin becomes less available the use of heroin goes back up.

The feedback Supervisor Williams received about the presentation from the Drug Task Force at the County Board meeting was also favorable. He stated the "exclamation mark" was that the Board was told that more of the people related to the drugs were armed and then the shooting in Allouez occurred two days later. Williams believed they should not be focusing on the numbers but how the community feels. Focusing on numbers could be read as, is the Task Force doing their job or are there more drugs coming in? The community has to be involved and they have to inform what the problems are. The safer the citizens feel in their individual neighborhoods is how it's known if the war is being won.

Sheriff Kocken agreed that the measure of success is by what the neighborhoods look like and not the quantity of drugs confiscated. He stated that some of the success stories that they have seen are the neighbors coming out after there had been an arrest at a drug house and giving a standing ovation to the Drug Task Force for removing these people from their community. What is needed is getting people to respond. Neighborhood Watch groups are encouraged as much as possible because their tips to the Drug Task Force are usually the ones taken seriously. Other tips are anonymous and can be very hard to follow-up on and often become a dead end.

Judge Kelley stated that some of the other areas that he felt would be very important for the committee to focus on would be the education and questioned what the County Board might like from the committee. Supervisor Williams answered that they want to know that there is a plan in place and how the efforts are all being coordinated. They ultimately make the decision as to what needs to be funded and this will help make it known where to put certain resources. Zakowski believed that what the County Board wanted was more information and stated that his office could provide it. He stated it would indicate where their workload is coming from and felt the CJCB is a good place to share that with other aspects of the criminal justice system. Judge Kelley suggested adding "Initial Report from the District Attorney's office re: Drug Prosecution" as an agenda item for the next meeting. He also would like feedback from the committee on programs that they have heard about that they may like to explore or recommend that are successful within this topic.

J. Jazgar questioned whether or not as a committee they were suppose to be looking at how to internalize and not externalize. He stated he was confused with the direction the board was going based upon their role because originally he felt they were trying to coordinate all the agencies to become more efficient and effective. Judge Kelley stated his perspective was being more comprehensive and is to go beyond what he views as functioning as "damage control." Sheriff Kocken stated that once the Statement of Purpose is complete,

then they will be led in the right direction.

8. Video Audio Access to Jail Inmates:

Consensus was to hold to the next meeting, as they did not receive the item.

9. Inmate Population Report:

Consensus was to receive and place on file.

10. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

Agenda items suggested for next Meeting:

Review 2008 Board Activities

Recommendations to fill the two Citizen Rep vacancies

Initial Report from the District Attorney's office re: Drug Prosecution

Video Audio Access to Jail Inmates

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – 3:30 p.m., Truttman Room

11. Adjourn:

Motion made by Supervisor Williams and seconded by J. Zakowski to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary